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HEATED TARGET MATERIAL**

Examiner:

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2. ☐ Applicant(s) draw(s) the Examiner's attention to the enclosed copy of copending U.S. Pat. Application No. _____, filed _____, for _____, which is cited in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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